

Sourton Parish Council

Minutes of the Sourton Parish Council meeting held at 7pm on Monday 12th June 2023 at Sourton Village Hall.

Council Member Present:

Cllr Eberle (Chair)
Cllr Jefferies
Cllr Jewel
Cllr Stone

In Attendance:

Mrs A Horn (Clerk) Cllr Mott, WDBC

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| 14. | Chair's Report | Cllr Eberle had nothing to report. |
| 15 | Apologies for Absence | On the proposition of Cllr Eberle and seconded by Cllr Stone it was RESOLVED to accept the apologies of Cllrs D & S Firth and Cllr D Ford due to personal reasons. Apologies from Cllr Southcott WDBC due to a previous engagement were noted |
| 16 | Public Forum | None |
| 17 | Declarations of Interest | None |
| 18 | WDBC, DCC, DNP and Sourton Hall Reports | DCC report was circulated before the meeting.
WDBC emails circulated as they arrive. |
| 19 | Minutes of the previous meeting | It was resolved to approve and sign the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 15 th May 2023 proposed by Cllr Jefferies and seconded by Cllr Jewell
Cllr Mott arrived 7:20pm |
| 20 | <u>Planning</u> | |
| 20.1 | APP/Q1153/W/23/3 318734: East Bowerland Farm EX20 4LZ | The appeal was noted |
| 20.2 | 1446/23/FUL - land at top of Cowsen Lane | On the proposition of Cllr Eberle and seconded by Cllr Stone, Cllr Jewell abstained, it was RESOLVED to object as it was too big, in the wrong location and industry in open countryside was against the neighbourhood plan and could increase lorry traffic. |
| 20.3 | 1528/23/FUL Land At Sx 521 899 | On the proposition of Cllr Eberle and seconded by Cllr Jewell it was RESOLVED object as it was new development in open countryside which went against the neighbourhood plan. |
| 21 | <u>Finance</u> | |
| 21.1 | Finance Report | The clerk updated the Council on the finances and provided a bank rec which Cllr D Firth will sign at the next meeting. The dates of the public rights are 12 th June to 21 st July. |
| 21.2 | Payments | On the proposition of Cllr Eberle and seconded by Cllr Jefferies it was resolved to approve the schedule of payment. It was noted that due |

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to a change of signatories to the bank last month's payments were made by PayPal.

22 Projects

22.1 **Action Plan**

On the proposition of Cllr Eberle and seconded by Cllr Jefferies it was **RESOLVED** to create an Events and Green working group and the ToRs would be approved at the next meeting. It was also agreed to contact some of the advertisers in the BASE magazine to see if they would quote for repairs to the bungalow bus stop.

22.2 **Coronation**

The success of the coronation was noted, and several thank you emails from parishioners were circulated.

22.3 **Bus stop verge**

The council received a grant of £175 towards removing the brambles on the bus stop verge and seeing what wildflowers grew as it had previously been a wildflower verge. The clerk would order hi viz jackets and gloves for volunteers to use.

22.4 **Website**

It was noted that the website was live but still evolving, as policies were approved, they were added to the website. Councillors were working towards using their new email addresses that came as part of the website package.

23 **Items Brought Forward**

Planning, TORS,

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24 **WDBC**

An update was noted

Enforcement

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25 **Contracting**

It was noted that the previous contractor and the council had gone their separate ways.

On the proposed Cllr Jewell and seconded Cllr Jefferies to appoint Jonathon Cole at £400 for the remedial cut and £200 per cut for the remaining three cuts.

26 On the proposition of Cllr Eberle and seconded by Cllr Jewell it was **RESOLVED** to exit part 2 of the meeting and ratify the decisions made.

27 **Date of Next Meeting**

10th July 2023

The meeting closed at 8:40pm